

*Anne-Arundel county, sct.*

On the 2d day of February 1831, personally appeared Louis Gassaway before me, a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, and made oath on the Holy Evangelical of Almighty God, that he was chief clerk for Thomas H. Bowie, register in chancery, from the time of his appointment as register until his death. That the said Bowie employed two clerks, who were constantly engaged in recording his papers in two large record books, well bound; one of those record books contained decrees for the sales of real estates, and the other contained decrees for conveyances, &c. Deponent verily believes that the said record books contained the papers of the said Bowie, as register, for the year 1810, and from the size of said books, he believes they embraced one or two years more. The said record books before mentioned were in the office of the court of chancery at the time of the death of said Bowie, and were there at the time of the appointment of the present register, and remained in the office for a long time afterwards. The said records have since been missing, and cannot be found. Deponent has, on several occasions, made diligent search for them, but could not find them.

Sworn before,

Thomas W. Watkins.

Ramsay Waters, Esqr. Reg. Cur. Can. being summoned to testify upon the application of Henry Wayman to the legislature for relief from a judgment against him as one of the securities of T. H. Bowie, deposes and says—that to the best of his knowledge and belief, the said T. H. Bowie had recorded, or caused to be recorded, agreeably to law, up to the year 1818, all the papers which by law it was his duty to record, and that the record books were in the office at the time this deponent was appointed to succeed him.

Sworn before,

Thos. W. Watkins.

Mr. Nicholas from the select committee, reported a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the extension and construction of a rail road from some point on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, to the line of the District of Columbia, in the direction of the City of Washington.

Mr. Stewart reported a bill, entitled, An act to make valid and authorise the recording of a bill of sale therein mentioned.